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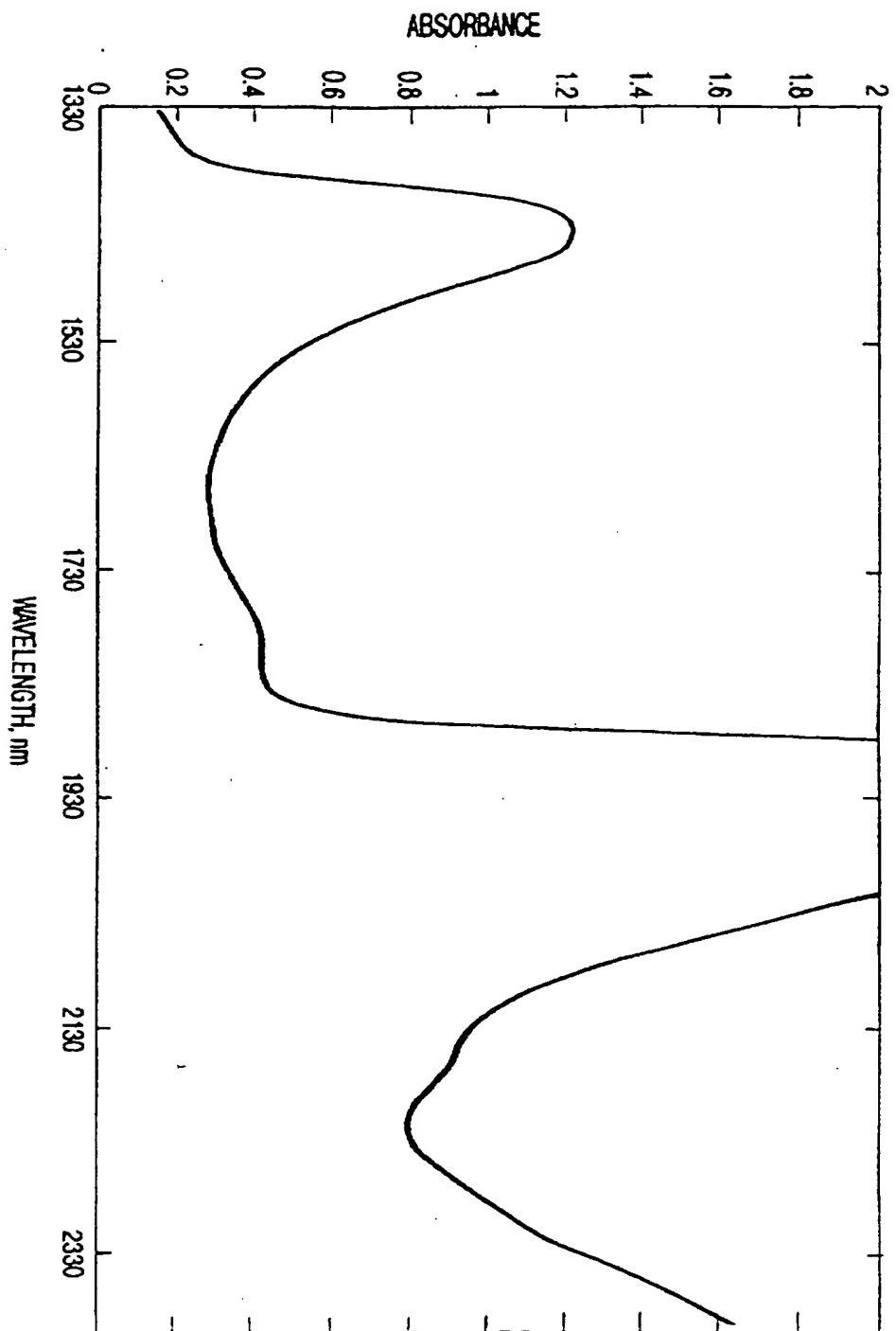


FIG. 2 (Prior Art)

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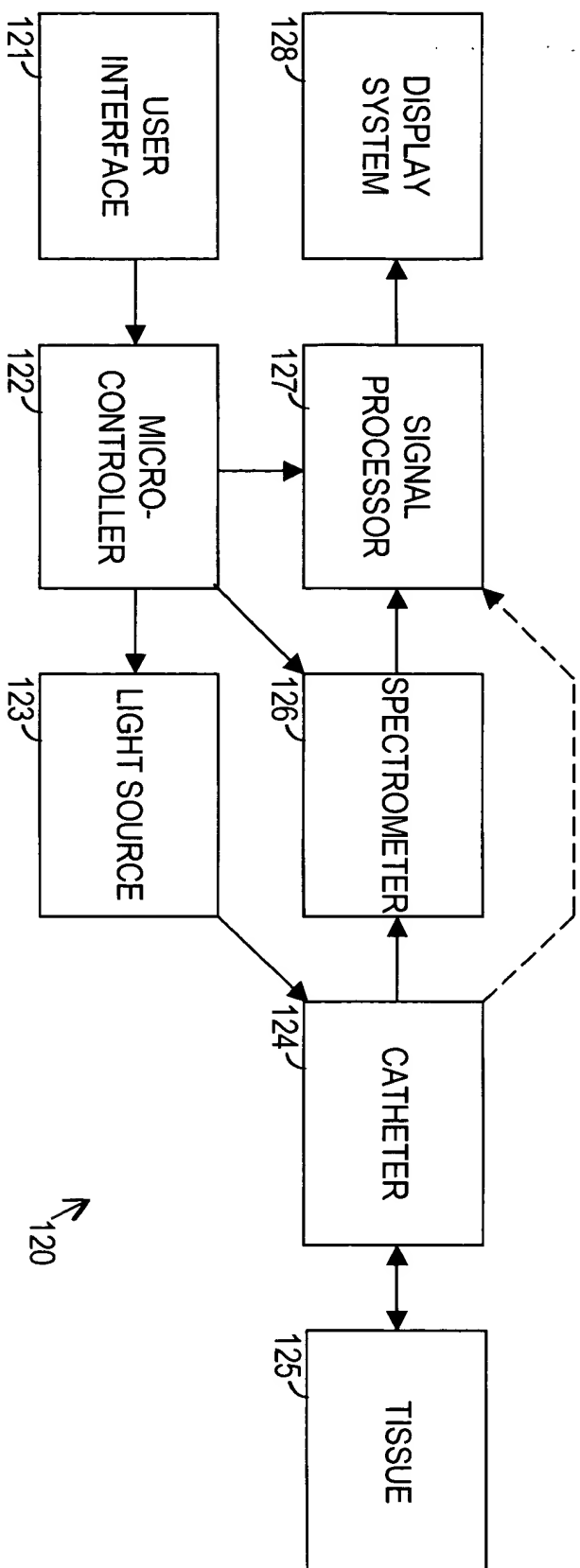


FIG. 3

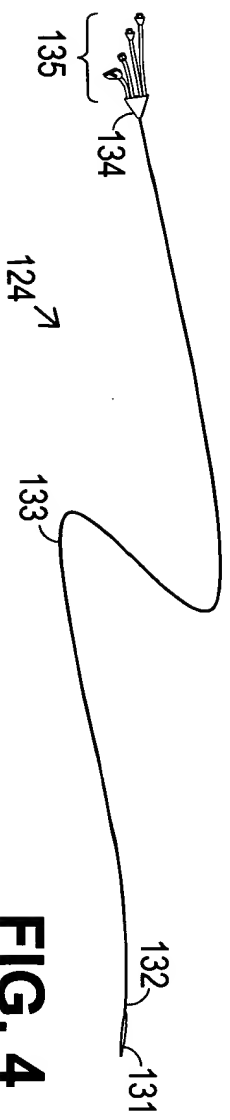


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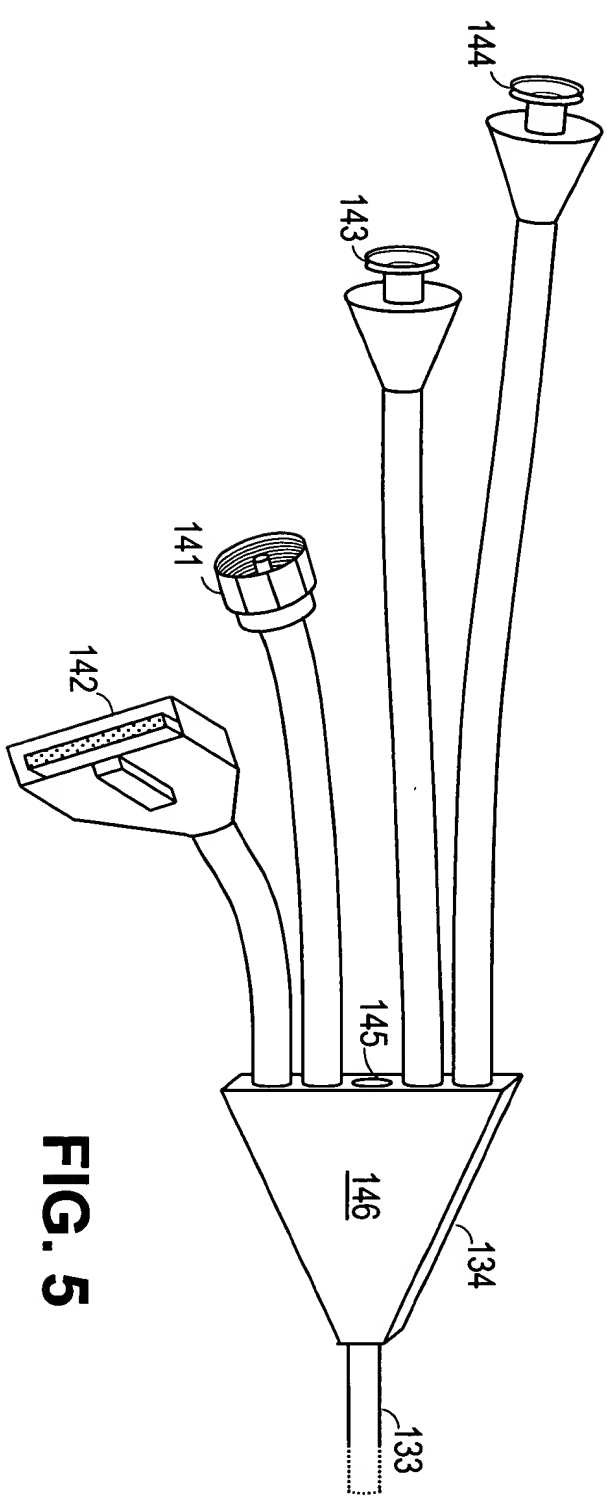


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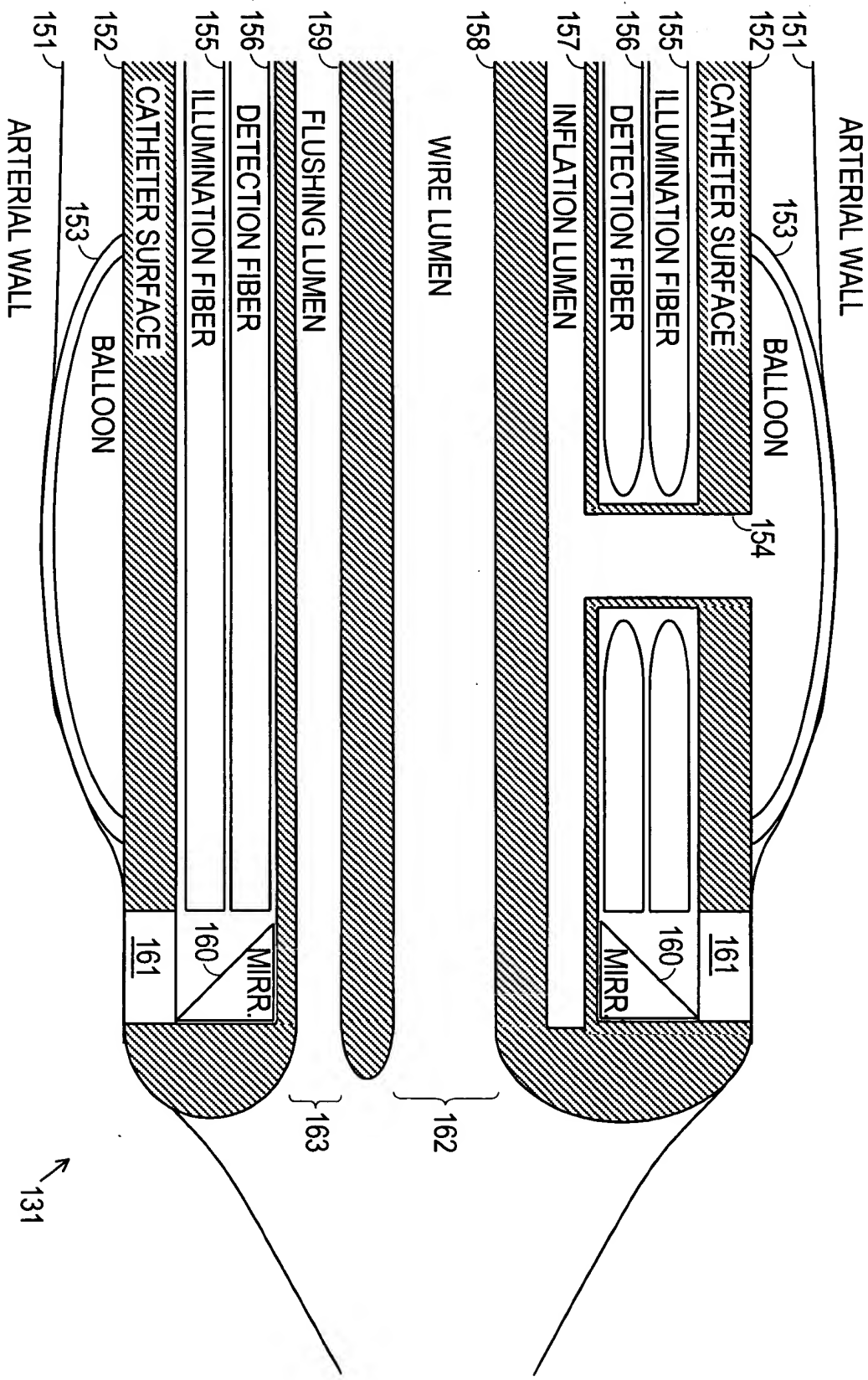


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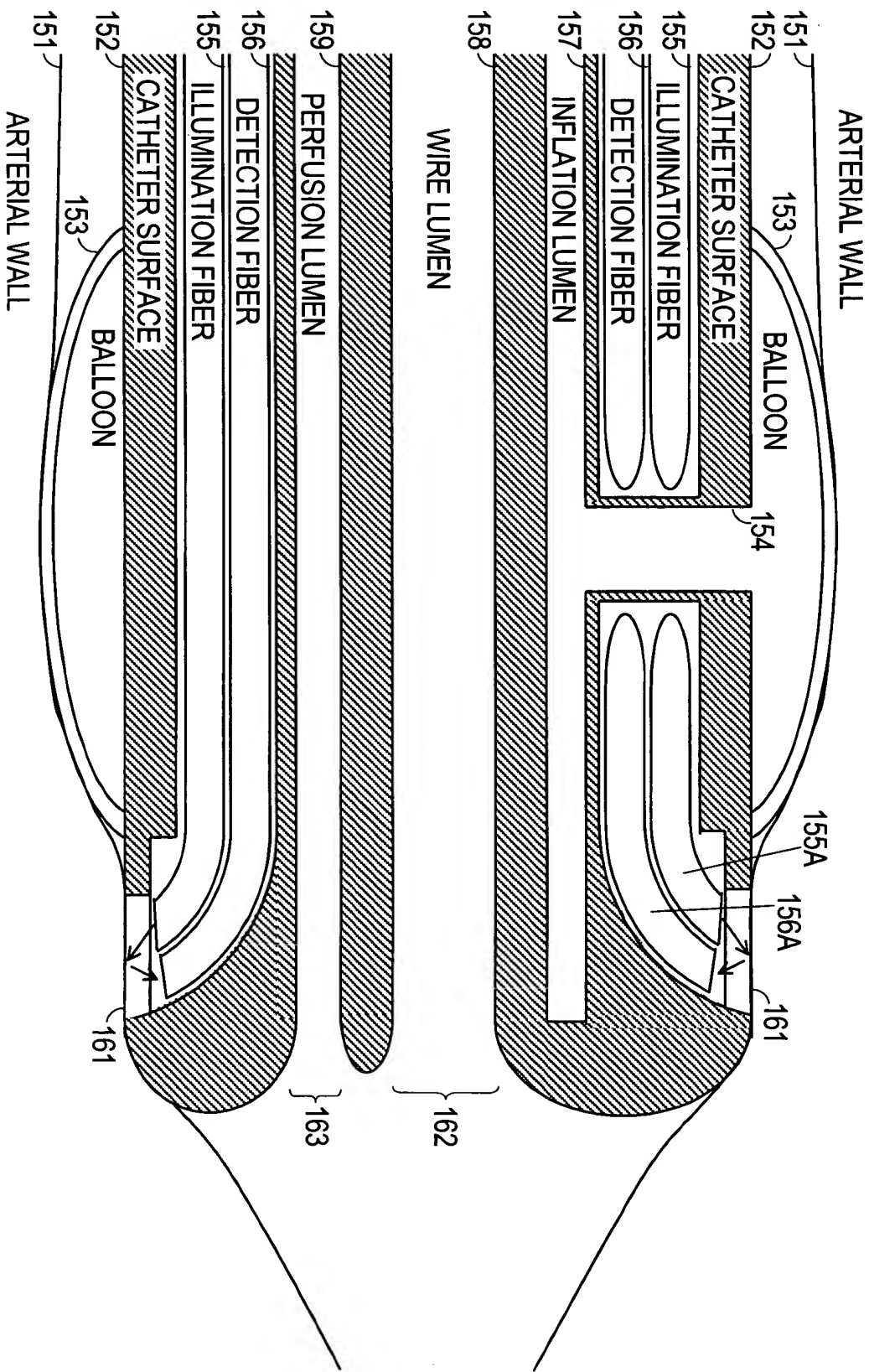


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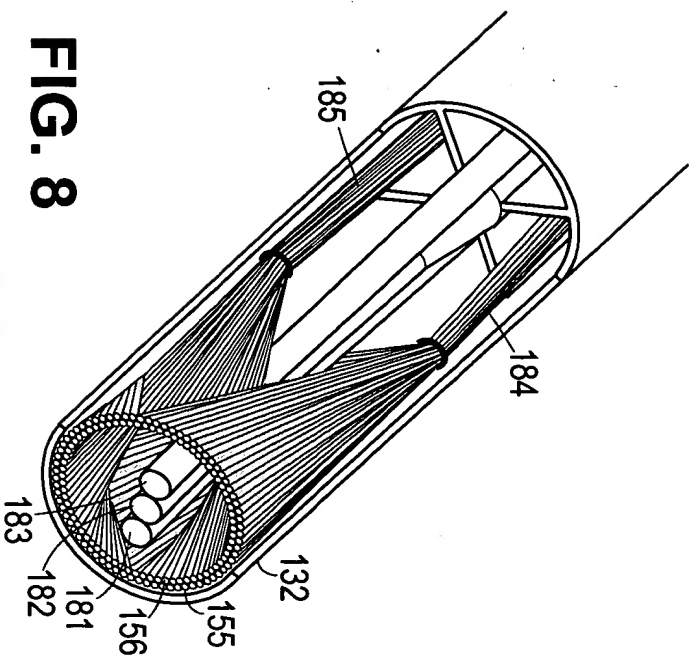


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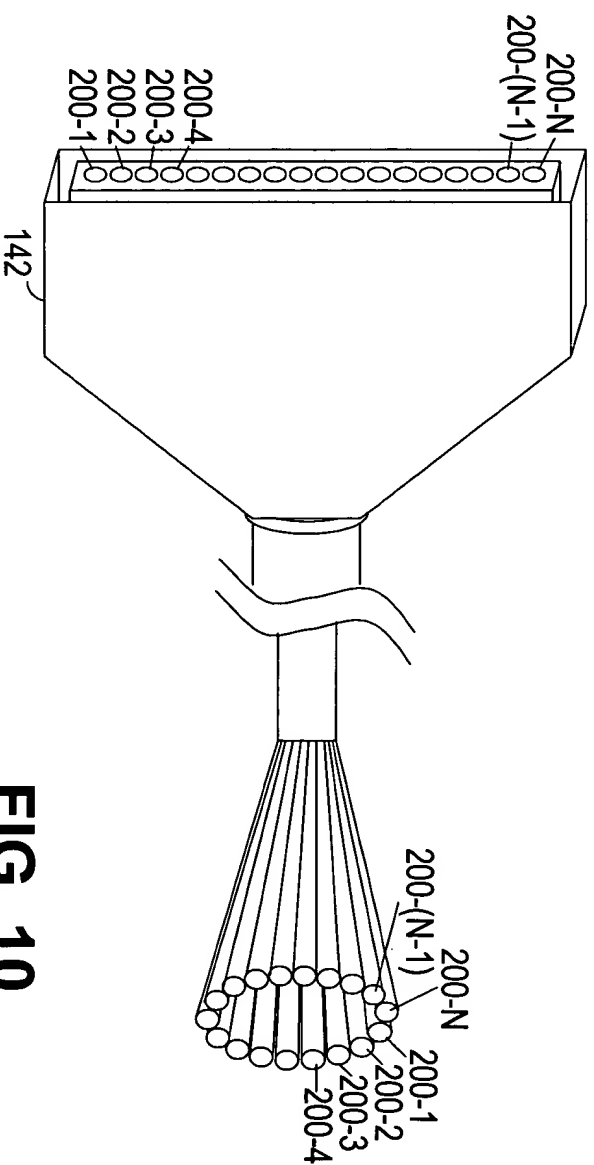


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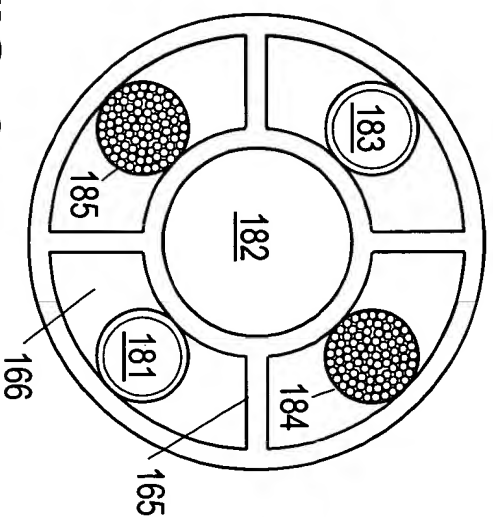


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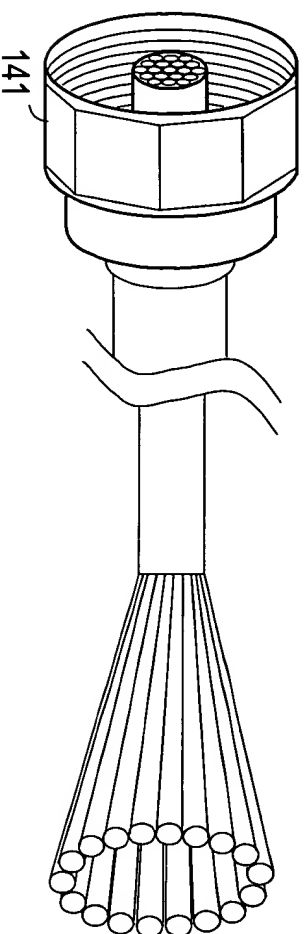


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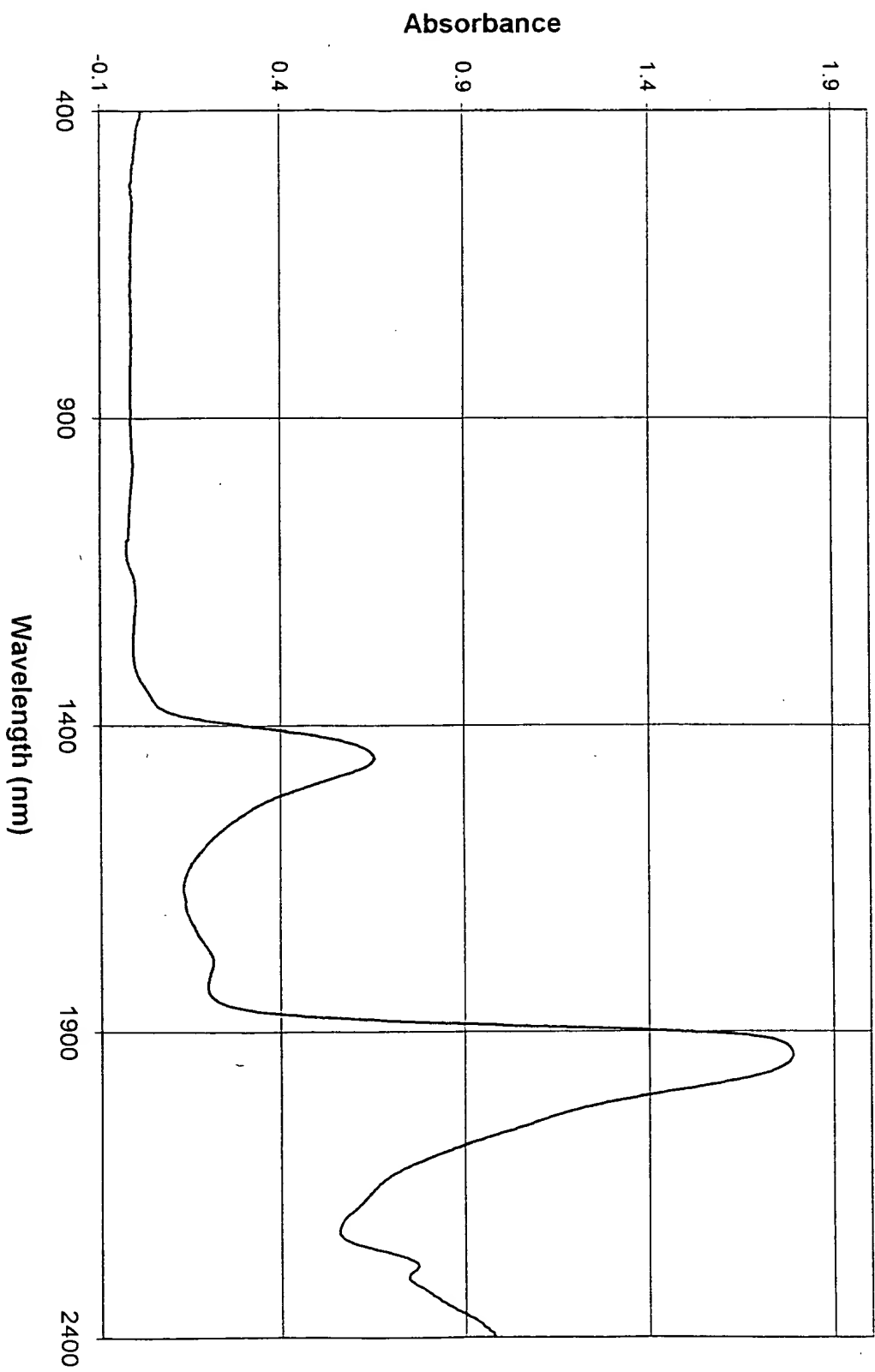
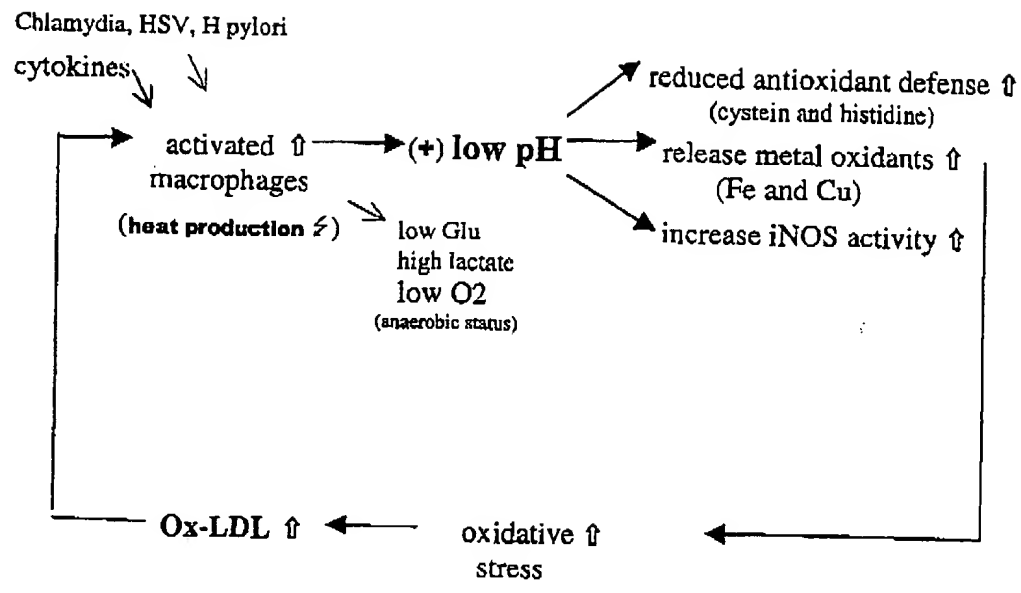


FIG. 12

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Acidic pH



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activate plaque acidic proteases



plaque softening



plaque rupture

FIG. 13

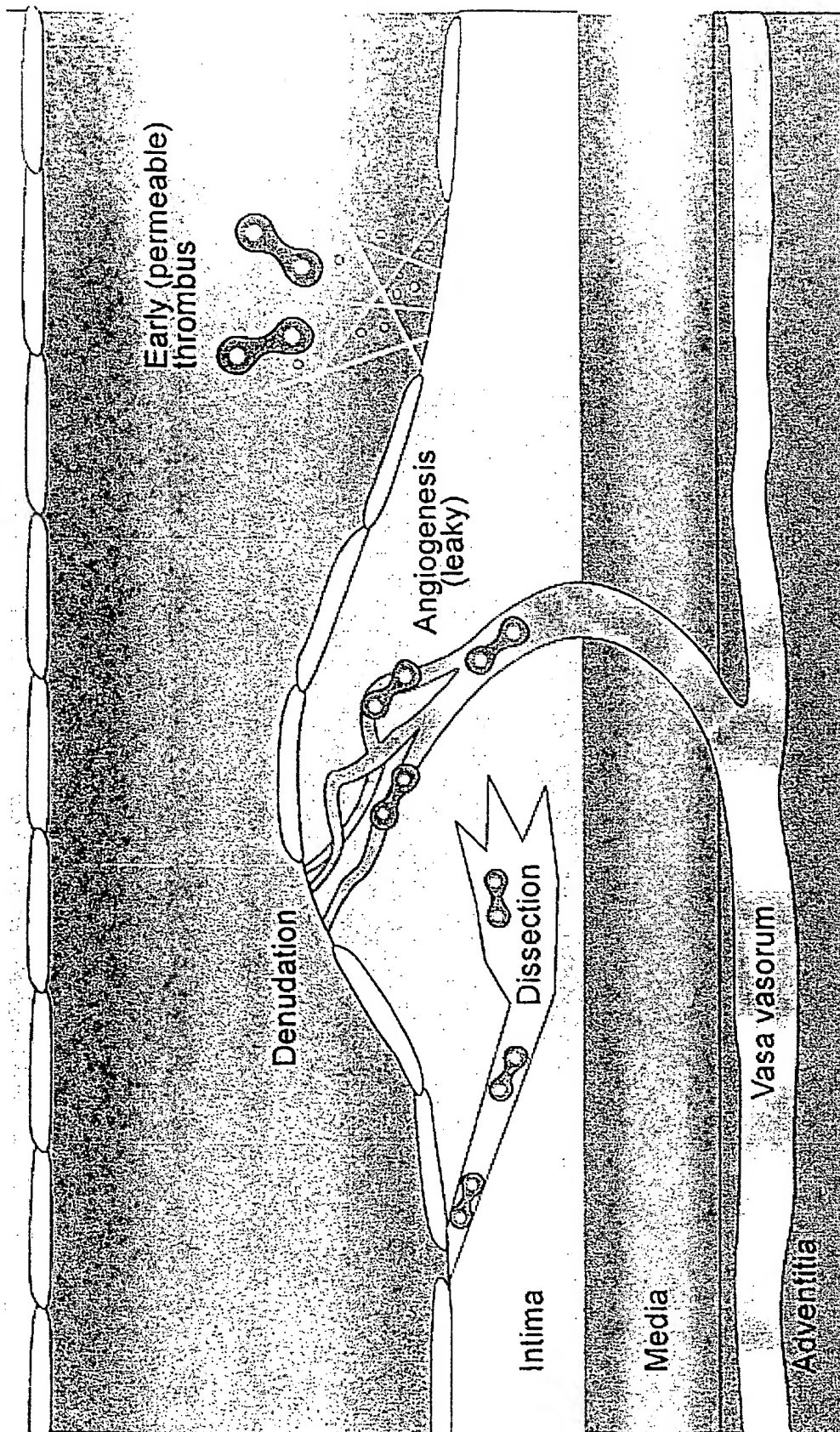


FIG. 14